

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 8, line 14 and continuing onto page 9 with the following amended paragraph:

—With reference to Figure 2, a floor care apparatus of the present invention in this embodiment exemplifies a canister vacuum cleaner 210 comprised generally of a base assembly 212 and a nozzle assembly 214. Although not shown, the base assembly contains a suction fan motor that cooperates with an ~~agitator 16~~ agitator 216 in the nozzle assembly for sucking up dirt and dust in a manner previously described. A wand 218 mechanically and fluidly connects to the nozzle assembly and facilitates the sucking up of dirt and dust. In various embodiments, it may comprise a unitary, telescopic or connecting section of pipe, such as an aluminum pipe. Near the base assembly, a hose 220, flexible for user manipulation, connects thereto and likewise facilitates the sucking up of dirt and dust. Finally, a handle 230 having ends 217, 219 connects mechanically and fluidly to both the ~~wand 18~~ wand 218 and the hose 220 and enables an airflow path between the nozzle assembly and the suction fan motor of the base assembly.—